

About Acting Solicitor of Labor Howard M. Radzely



Howard M. Radzely became the Acting Solicitor on January 7, 2003. On May 6, 2003, Mr. Radzely was nominated by the President to be the Solicitor of Labor. Mr. Radzely joined the Department of Labor on June 4, 2001 as the Deputy Solicitor of Labor. Mr. Radzely was previously the Acting Solicitor of Labor from June 2001 to January 2002. Prior to joining the Department, Mr. Radzely was in private practice in Washington, D.C. concentrating in labor and employment law. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business and magna cum laude from the Harvard Law School, where he served on the Harvard Law Review. Prior to entering private practice, Mr. Radzely clerked for the Honorable J. Michael Luttig, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and for the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Radzely and his wife Lisa have one child.

The Solicitor is the Department's chief legal officer and oversees one of the largest law enforcement agencies in the Federal government. Approximately 500 of the 700 employees in the Office of the Solicitor are attorneys. It is the responsibility of the Solicitor to enforce the laws under the Department's jurisdiction through litigation and to provide legal advice to the Secretary of Labor and the numerous agencies and bureaus that comprise the Department of Labor.